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JENNINGS FAMILY CONVENTION

Held at Court House Monday Night With a Large Number of
Descendants Present

CHARLES LOEBER, CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR JENNINGS FAMILY RECORD, MAKES ADDRESS

The meeting was called to order by John Homer Jennings, who introduced the speaker by saying that he was by this time known to all those present. Mr. Loeber then proceeded with his address as follows:

"A meeting of the Jennings Family anywhere in these United States could not be held without at some time during its sessions going into a discussion of the reputed millions which lie in England and to which there are many who claim they are the only true heirs.

"It is therefore quite proper that the first remarks this evening should be directed to the statement that there is an estate of the Jennings Family in England. It has been there in the hands of trustees appointed by the Courts of that Empire for many years. Since the estate is under letters of Administration according to the information supplied to our office, there is no Statue of Limitation that can apply thereto. The amount and nature of that estate cannot be ascertained by any persons other than by complying with the rules of the English Government and presentation to their proper officers a proven record that the person seeking the information is an heir and rightly entitled to know the facts.

"What is known at present con-

cerning the estate has been sent to the office by one of the two members of this family, now residing in England.

"It has been further explained by several very well known attorneys who have visited England for some other families, and made their reports which have been kindly passed on to others.

"The Jennings family has been vitally interested in this fortune hunting program since 1826, the earliest date which we have so far found in any of our accumulated mass of old letters, when Mrs. Sarah Edrington Jennings dictated a letter to one of her relations then living in Kentucky.

"A group of Connecticut families, however, were at work on the problem as early as 1815. Then followed a series of reports and conventions as follows: Martin W. Sloan's report of 1848; advance notice of the Nashville Convention of 1848; report of the Nashville Convention of 1848; Pittsylvania Convention of 1849; Nottoway Convention of 1849; Charlottesville Convention of 1850; report of the Jennings Family Association of U. S. A., 1863; report of Sis and McClish of 1878, also 1913.

"Tradition has created a very serious barrier to the preparation of an accurate history properly proven

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by court record. Of these so far as this family is concerned is one that Sarah Edrington Jennings, daughter of Augustine Jennings and Hannah Williams, his wife, was named for the Duchess of Marlborough. As a matter of proven court record, Augustine Jennings, her father, had a relative, Sarah Edrington, who lived a neighbor to his parents, and was married to John Amon in 1734, some time before the birth of said Sarah Edrington Jennings. It seems therefore more natural and reasonable to believe she must have been named for this aunt who was born and lived in Virginia on the farm adjoining that of Augustine's father.

"Sarah Edrington Jennings Lucas, as she was known in her married life, stated that her grandfather was a British Naval Officer and that he returned to England after his son married. Here again court records show that William, the father of Augustine, was born in Virginia some time before 1670, and that he died in Virginia some time after 1730; because his son Augustine administered his father's estate as shown by the record of the county in Virginia.

"Sarah Edrington further stated that her grandfather was the son of Humphrey Jennings of Birmingham, England. The court records of England show that William Jennings the son of this particular Humphrey died a bachelor, and was buried there in England prior to 1744. These facts have been supplied by one of the departments of the British Government with copies of the wills and other papers necessary to prove the facts.

"Humphrey Jennings had twelve children as shown by the chart, each of whom is accounted for by the wills which are here shown being properly certified to us by the proper officer of the British Government.

"It is apparent therefore that Wil-

liam, the son of this Humphrey Jennings, could not be the ancestor of any of the American families and that a further study must be made to ascertain where the American families do belong.

"In December of 1926 there appeared in the American papers a story that one Mrs. Bulls of San Francisco, would receive her share of this English estate in June of 1927. It was this news item which came to the attention of Mrs. Jane Pierce Jennings Wilson, who noticed that the names used by Mrs. Bulls as her ancestors were at least similar to those of Mrs. Wilson's grandparents and great grandparents.

"The matter was taken up with an engineering firm, who at once inquired of the British Embassy at Washington to whom they should address themselves in order to establish the identity of American families with their ancestors in England, and following their instructions the matter was taken up with the English office who supplied the necessary instructions for the preparation of a family record so that it would conform to the rules of the British office of record and permit them to undertake to find and establish the proof of the English family to which Mrs. Wilson's ancestor belonged. Beginning January 28, 1927, the history of Mrs. Wilson's family required two years in its preparation from her daughter back to their first British ancestor who came to Virginia in 1754. This completed history, supported by the copies of court records, was submitted to that office with the bank drafts to meet the cost of their work, and that office has been engaged in the work of finding and proving that family relationship.

On December 12th, 1928, a Texas family engaged the Jennings Family Record to prepare for them a complete, accurate history supported by

the necessary court record of their own family back to the first British ancestor, and to submit these proven records to the British office for their further proofs and final certification.

This particular work, it is expected, will be finished by January 31, 1930, and the finished records be submitted to the English office early in February.

"Mrs. Wilson's family history contains the names of 2,503 living descendants living in 43 of the 48 states.

"Mrs. Wooldridge's family records show that her immediate relations dwell in 116 counties in 11 states, and that it has required 26,000 miles of travel during the past year to find and prove these facts.

The family sheet as sent to the office is only the basis of the search of proof. Each item of birth, death and marriage as given on the record sheet must be proved by a record from the County or State records or the United States Records. Marriage Bonds can be found in all counties in Virginia to 1780 and in some back to 1760, while church records go back to 1623. Birth and death records in Virginia begin in 1853. U. S. Census begins in 1782. Other sources of records begin with the first records of the Colony in 1623.

"Your interest here tonight, however, centers around the history of the two men who came to this country. The first, William Jennings, who came from Virginia to the then Lincoln county in 1791, while Baylor Jennings did not come until 1805, when it was known as Garrard county. Baylor Jennings died in 1807, while William Jennings died in 1814.

"From these two men there yet remains 26 branches of their respective children whose living descendants can be found and proved by present existing court records.

"The chart makes more clear the

facts as they can be found in the court records.

"While these two men came and dwelt in Garrard county, there were other branches of the same family migrated to other parts of Kentucky of whom William Jennings and his wife Marion Smith of Todd county the ancestors of John Homer Jennings, also there, were three brothers who settled in Christian county, while the fourth brother of that group went to Ohio. Then there was the children of two brothers, Daniel and James Jennings, who settled in Marion county, while yet another son of James Jennings settled in Breckinridge county, all of whom have descendants still living in those communities.

"From these charts it is evident that all of these families back in the early history were related and come from a common ancestor.

The work of the Jennings Family Record has at present been carried back to Augustine Jennings, who was the father of 15 children, 13 of whom were living at the time of his death in 1778, and of whom 11 married and now have living descendants scattered over these United States.

"This chart gives you a picture of these children and some of their relations.

"Augustine's father had five children living at the time of his death of whom we have reason to believe we could find the proofs of three of them at this time, as outlined in this chart.

"Augustine's grandparents left seven children by their marriage of whom we can we believe prove at present at least four of them, if the means and time were available. The grandmother, however, married a second time and left one child by that marriage whose descendants are still living in several parts of the country, and especially close to the

original home place.

"We are unable at present to give any information back of Augustine's grandparents other than that they died in Virginia, as shown by the court records.

"One item of interest to all present is that taking this chart as a guide there were a number of children in the family of Humphrey Jennings as well as in those of the brothers and sisters and the uncles and aunts of Humphrey Jennings from anyone of whom some at least of the American families may have descended. All of the Jennings families of America could hardly have sprang from one common ancestor, yet it seems that every history with which we have come in contact claims they descended from either William or John, the sons of Humphrey.

"Further, from this chart please note that there are several Coats of Arms shown, all of which are correct Coats of Arms for the several Jennings families. In the last part of the seventeenth century there were at that time in use 17 different Coats of Arms of the several Jennings families of England.

"One question which must interest all of you and which is most often asked is why this matter has never been settled. We would not undertake to say why it has not been settled, but we believe that if the history of the other families as it has been printed up to this time is as full of errors as is that of the two families of Garrard county then the failure must be due to the presentation of an incomplete and unproven history. No history heretofore presented to the members of these Garrard county families has ever admitted that the grandparents of Augustine Jennings lived and died in Virginia as is the case and proved by the court records of Virginia. Further, no previous history has ever

admitted that there were four children of the first marriage of Baylor Jennings and three by his second, and more likely five of whom two must have died before his removal to Kentucky. At least there were seven children living when the estate was settled in 1835.

"Then in the family of William Jennings no one has ever accounted for Jesse Jennings, grandson of William and Elizabeth Withers. I ask you folks, who was the father of Jesse Jennings?

"The two members of the family, one from Garrard county and the other from South Carolina, now residing in London, have stated that the one essential requirement is that a complete, accurate and proven history of the American families is the first requirement if there is ever to be a settlement of the reputed English fortune.

"Before a record could be considered it is necessary that the American family should seek from the English office of record a certificate showing to which of the several English families the particular American family rightly belongs.

"In the past 100 years we have not found that any of the many families have ever attempted to find and prove their own immediate relations, each one believing that if they said they were the heirs was all that was required.

"It is without doubt all of the past efforts failed for the only reason that they did not have such a chart as this, supported by copies of the marriage records, proofs of the births and deaths, with the proofs of the lives of the men and women who made up that record. Using this chart as a guide, please note the extent and kind of proofs which make this record possible of proof.

"Out of these three years of study and work it is therefore suggested

that from this brief outline and firm foundation, that the 26 branches of the four men represented here tonight should form themselves into a permanent group and adopt the same plan as that used by these two families of which you have just heard, and working all together with these two families, agree to a definite plan of monthly payments for a period of not less than one year; create an organization through which the work can be undertaken, and elect the proper officers to administer the affairs of the organization, and I can assure you that the Jennings Family Record would take pleasure in doing for your families what has already been accomplished for these other two families.

"The cost of such work will, because of the work already done in creating a foundation, be much less than if it had to start from the beginning with none of the accumulat-

ed material as aids or of those records which have come to the office through the desire of a vast number of people who seek to find their relations.

"Permit me to emphasize this one fact, that if this work could be undertaken at this time, I feel certain that the present plan of sending this present record to England could be so modified that the records of these 26 branches could, with the consent of the other families, be made a part of the final report and thus save a very considerable cost both here in America and in the work in England.

"Some very definite action, however, must be taken, and arrangements made with the office and with the two ladies if it is desired to take advantage of the present arrangements and to have the benefits of these papers and records which are their personal property."

This address was printed in The Central Record, Lancaster, Kentucky, Thursday afternoon, December 26th, 1929.



CHART No. 5—JENNINGS COATS OF ARMS

This chart was a pen and ink drawing and cannot be reproduced in type at this time. This showed four principal Coats of Arms with eight variations of the principal Coats of Arms, all correct Jennings Coats of Arms.

CHART No. 1

Tentative Outline of Jennings Family of England.

- I John Jennens buried St. Martins in Birmingham, Aug. 3, 1575, issue.
- II William Jennens married Joan Elliott at St. Martins Jan. 28, 1559.
9 children.
- III John Jennens, baptized St. Martins, April 8, 1579.
Iron monger—had Estates and Iron Furnaces in Counties Warwick
and Stafford.
Will probated March 10, 1653.
Married first Mary Jennens, 1602. issue.
Married second Joyce Weaman, issue.
- IV Humphrey Jennens, baptized St. Martins, August 23, 1629.
Will probated July 18, 1690.
Married Mary Milward 1657.
- V Children of Humphrey Jennens and Mary Milward.

	Baptized	Died
1 Humphrey (Bachelor)	1658	Sep. 7, 1725
Will Probated September 25, 1725.		
2 Justin (Child)	Jan. 29, 1659	Feb. 17, 1660
3 Henry (Child)	1661	Jan. 8, 1676
4 Charles (Married)	Feb. 23, 1662	Jan. 4, 1747
Will probated October 1, 1747.		
5 Mary (Unmarried)	July 30, 1664	Oct. 27, 1708
6 Elizabeth (Married)	Jan. 4, 1665	Feb. 22, 1737
7 John (Married)	Sep. 7, 1667	
Will probated April 13, 1733.		
8 Ann (Married)	Jan. 15, 1668	Nov. 8, 1709
9 Esther (Married)	Dec. 24, 1670	May 2, 1770
Will probated 1770.		
10 Robert (Married)	1671	Feb. 25, 1725
Intestate.		
11 Felicia (Unmarried)	1674	1724
12 William (Bachelor)	Nov. 15, 1676	1744
Will probated January 2, 1744.		

All wills referred to above are Recorded in the Prorogative Court of Chancery.

The records of this chart were supplied by the British Office of Records at a cost of \$150.00 U. S. Currency.

Note: No. 10, above, was the father of William Jennens, the wealthy bachelor whose estate has been the occasion of all the litigation.

CHART No. 2

JENNINGS FAMILIES OF GARRARD COUNTY

I WILLIAM JENNINGS I

- 1 Catherine Jennings Bledsoe
- 2 Augustine Jennings
- 3 Nancy Jennings Duncan
- 4 Hannah Jennings Ballinger
- 5 Elizabeth Jennings Ballinger
- 6 Lucy Jennings Price
- 7 Mary Jennings Peirson.

II WILLIAM JENNINGS II

- 1 Fanny Jennings Edmiston Rooney
- 2 John Jennings
- 3 Susan Jennings Bryant
- 4 Josephine Jennings Ballinger
- 5 Nancy Jennings Myers
- 6 Angelina Jennings Ballinger
- 7 Eliza Alexander Jennings Lusk.

III BAYLOR JENNINGS I

- 1 Alexander Augustine Jennings
- 2 John Bradford Jennings
- 3 Fanny Jennings Marksbury
- 4 Zachariah Burnley Jennings
- 5 Samuel Blackwell Jennings
- 6 Susan Jennings Lusk.

IV BAYLOR JENNINGS II

- 1 Samuel Blackwell Jennings
- 2 Elzina Jennings Anderson
- 3 Parthenia Jennings Adams
- 4 Baylor Jennings III
- 5 Thomas Buford Jennings
- 6 Russell Harvey Jennings
- 7 Arabia Jackson Jennings.

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TESTIMONY TAKEN AT CLAYTON COUNTY

I WILLIAM WILSON

1. William Wilson, Sheriff
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3. William Wilson, Sheriff
4. William Wilson, Sheriff
5. William Wilson, Sheriff
6. William Wilson, Sheriff
7. William Wilson, Sheriff

II WILLIAM WILSON

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III WILLIAM WILSON

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IV WILLIAM WILSON

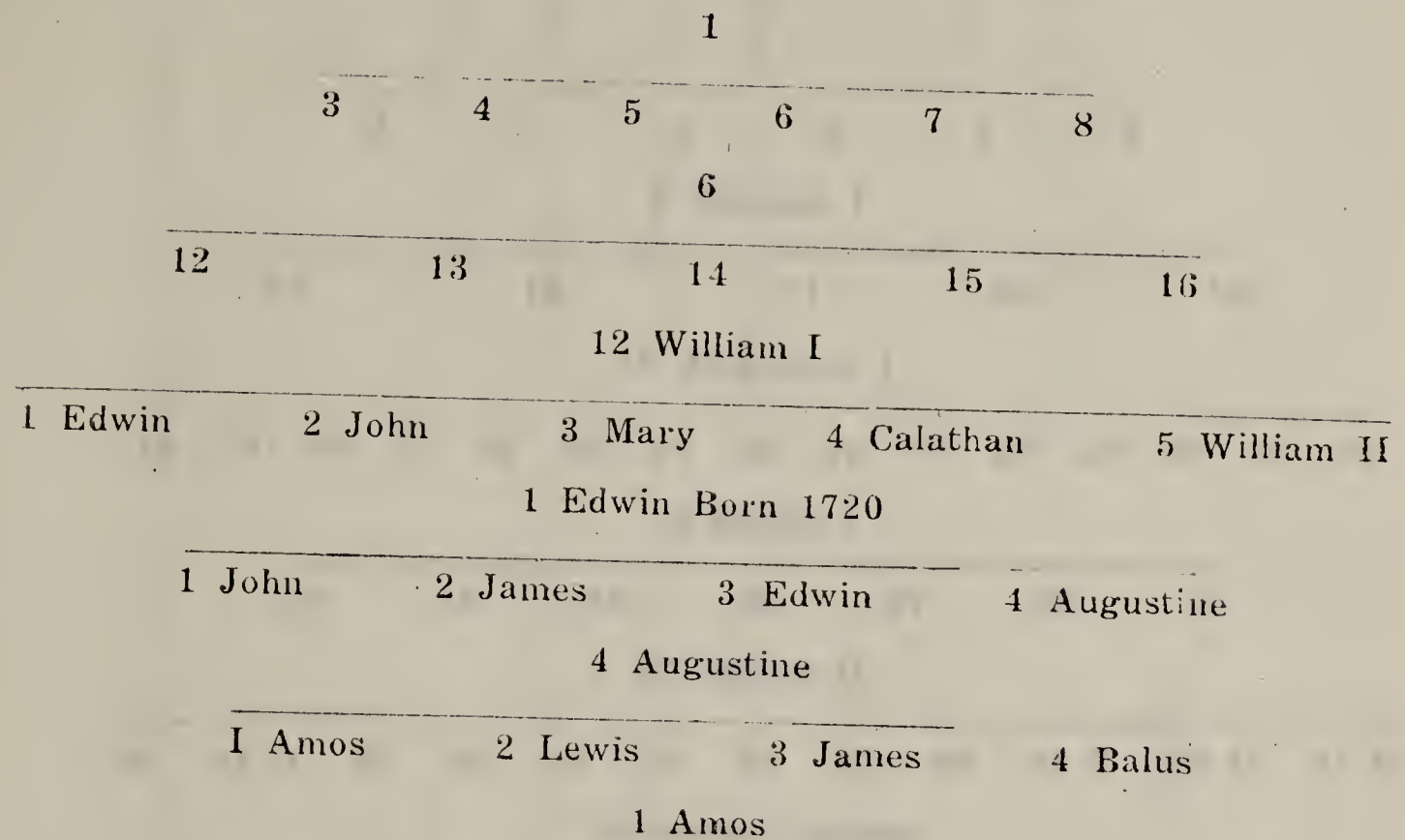
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CHART No. 3

Two generations of Augustines Family of Fauquier County, Virginia.
Augustine Jennings married Hannah Williams.

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| 1 William Jennings I
Elizabeth Withers. | 7 Hannah Jennings
Joseph Duncan. |
| 1 Nancy | 1 Hansford Dade (Rev.) |
| 2 William II | 2 |
| 3 John | 3 |
| 4 Augustine | 4 |
| 5 Hannah | 5 |
| 6 Betsy | 6 |
| 7 Catherine | 7 |
| 8 Lucy | 8 |
| 9 Mary | 8 Sarah Edrington Jennings
Peter Lucas (1). |
| 10 ? ?. | 1 George Augustine |
| 2 Augustine Jennings II
Molly Oxford. | 2 Peter Walker |
| 1 Elizabeth (D) | George Simmons (2) |
| 2 Hannah (D) | John Rawlings (3). |
| 3 Thomas Oxford | 9 Jemima Jennings |
| 4 Augustine III | John Hudnall. |
| 5 John | 1 2 |
| 6 Fanny (D) | 3 4 |
| 7 Mary | 10 Fanny Jennings |
| 8 William (D). | Thomas O'Bannon. |
| 3 Berryman Jennings
Susannah Duff. | 1 |
| 1 Berryman. | 2 |
| 4 Baylor Jennings I | 3 |
| (1) Susannah Bradford. | 4 |
| 1 Alexander Augustine | 5 |
| 2 Zachariah Burnley | 6 |
| 3 John Bradford | 8 |
| 4 Fanny | 11 Nancy Jennings
Matthew Keen Withers. |
| (2) Sally Moorehead | 1 |
| 5 Baylor II | 2 |
| 6 Samuel Blackwell. | 12 Chloe Jennings |
| 7 Sally. | James Withers (1). |
| 5 Lewis Jennings | 1 John |
| (1) Lucinda Bradford. | 2 Elizabeth |
| 1 Austin | 3 Augustine |
| 2 Lewis Y. S. | 4 Jennings |
| 3 Carola G. A. | 5 James |
| 4 Teresa B. | 6 Hannah |
| 5 Lucinda B. | 7 Sarah |
| (2) Margaret Franklin Widow | 8 Waddy. |
| 6 Edwin D. | 12 Elizabeth Jennings died unmar-
ried. |
| 7 Joseph Lafayette | 14 John Jennings died infant. |
| 8 Elizabeth J. W. | 15 Daughter died infant. |
| 6 George Jennings died single. | |

CHART 4—VIRGINIA FAMILIES

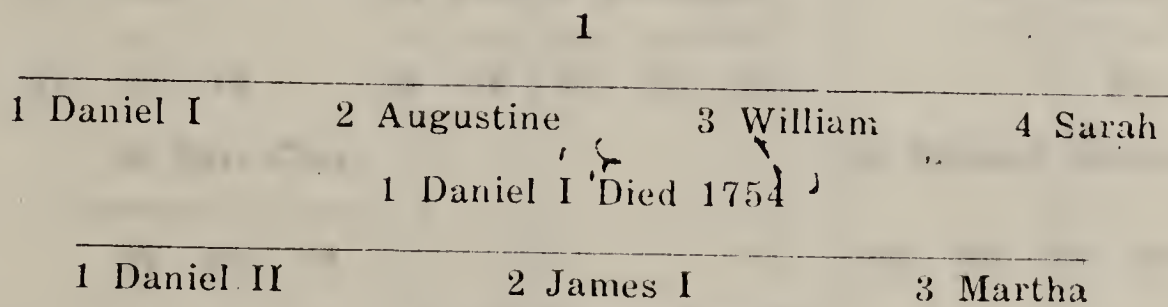


1 Augustine	2 Hezekiah	3 Thomas J.	4 Daughter (Hume)
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No. 16 son of No. 6 Augustine 15 children, see Chart No. 3.

No. 5 son of No. 12 William II, 10 children.

Augustine No. 16 grandmother had a grand daughter by her second marriage named Sarah Edrington who married John Amon 1734.



1 Daniel II had a son Daniel III.

2 James I had a son James II, and daughter Sarah E.

James II had a son Jefferson, died Breckinridge County, Kentucky.

Daniel III married Sarah E., daughter of James I.

Note:

Augustine Jennings No. 16 died 1778, Fauquier County, Virginia.

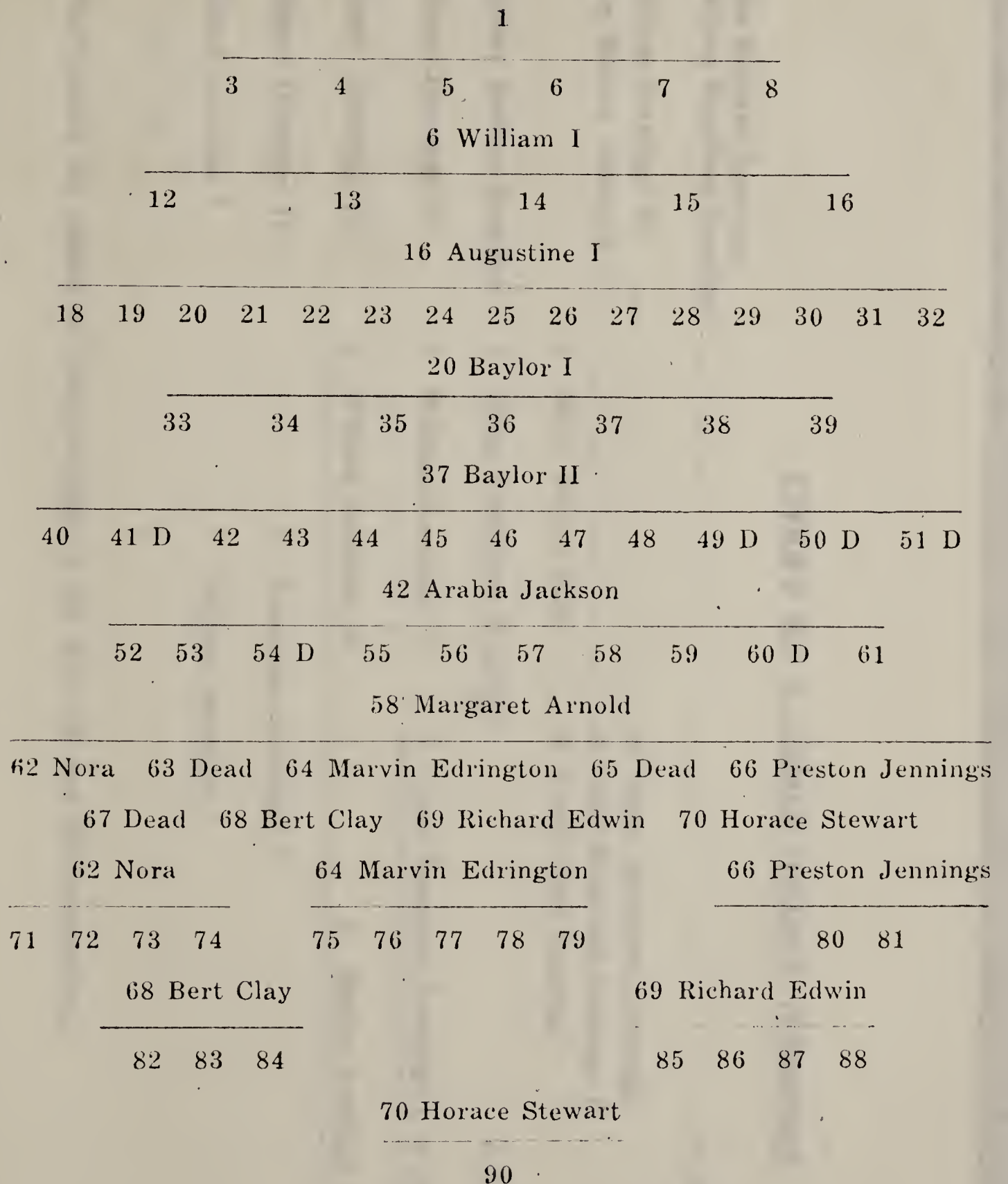
Augustine Jennings, brother of Daniel I, died 1779 Culpepper County, Virginia.

Augustine Jennings, son of Edwin I, Revolutionary soldier, died in Ohio.

CHART 4—VIRGINIA SAMPLING



CHART 6—DESCENDANTS OF MARGARET ARNOLD JENNINGS



Note: Margaret Arnold Jennings married Jerry Clay Wooldridge, Jr.

Note: No. 89 is Katherine Elizabeth Wooldridge, born Cooke County, Texas, May 25, 1929.

The above diagram represents the Records as at present prepared to submit to the English Office of Record, supported by Birth Certificate, Death Certificates, Marriage Certificates, Wills, Deeds, Census Records, Tax Records and other Court Proofs, only the names as they appear being submitted with their proofs.

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